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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

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Addendum

II. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. The Committee considered item 3 of its agenda at its 592nd to 601st meetings, from 13 to 17 May, and its ___ to ___ meetings, from ___ to ___ August 1996.

A. Application for consultative status deferred from the 1995 session of the Committee and application referred back to the Committee by the Economic and Social Council

2. At its resumed 1995 session, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had decided to defer further consideration of the application of the International Energy Foundation until its 1996 session (see E/1996/17, para. 5). At its 601st meeting, on 17 May 1996, the Committee decided to pursue its consideration of the application at the second part of its 1996 session.

3. The Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, had decided to refer back to the Committee the application of the International Committee of Peace and Human Rights (see A/50/3, chap. X, para. 11). At its 599th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee took note of a letter from the organization stating that it would be appropriate for the Committee to suspend consideration of the status of the International Committee of Peace and Human Rights, without prejudice, for one year.

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B. New applications for consultative status

4. At its 595th meeting, on 14 May, the Committee decided that the Centre for the Advancement of North Korean Human Rights should be invited to reapply at a future date on the basis of a new questionnaire.

5. At its 596th meeting, on 15 May, the Committee took note of a communication from the Centro de Estudios sobre América, stating that the organization did not wish to have its application considered during the first part of the 1996 session. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to ascertain from the organization whether it wished to be considered at the second part of the 1996 session or at the 1997 session.

6. At its 599th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee decided that the Developing Countries Society could reapply for consultative status at a future session of the Committee on the basis of a new questionnaire.

7. At its 601st meeting, on 17 May, the Committee decided to pursue its consideration of the applications of Felege Guihon International and of the Foundation for Research on International Environment, National Development and Security (FRIENDS) to the second part of its 1996 session.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to invite the Fondation Foi et Espérance to reapply for consultative status at the 1997 session on the basis of a new questionnaire.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided that, owing to lack of time, it would consider the applications of the Forum of African Voluntary Development Organizations (FAVDO) and of the Foundation for Democracy in Africa at the second part of its 1996 session.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to invite the Caribbean Women's Health Institute to reapply for consultative status at a future session on the basis of a new questionnaire. The Committee also requested the Secretariat to inform the organization of the possibility of applying for association with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat.

11. The Committee, after having agreed that additional clarification was needed, decided to pursue its consideration of the following 11 organizations at the second part of its 1996 session:

Association haitienne d'aide aux enfants nécessiteux au relèvement des communes de l'Artibonite

Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

Black Women's Agenda

Centre for Social Research

Chernobyl Union International

Communities Forestry and Social Development Organization

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Covcas Center for Law and Conflict Resolution

Deprived Child and You

European Federation of Older Students at Universities

Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos

12. At the 600th meeting, on 17 May, a proposal was made by the representative of the United States of America to defer consideration of the Centro de Estudios sobre Asia y Oceania to the second part of the 1996 session of the Committee.

13. Subsequently, a motion of no action was made by the representative of Cuba.

14. Following statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland and China, the representative of Cuba withdrew his motion of no action and requested that a recorded vote be taken on the proposal of the representative of the United States of America, which was rejected by a vote of 5 to 11, with 1 abstention. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Chile, China, Cuba, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan.

Abstaining: Costa Rica.

15. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and India.

16. The representative of the United States of America then requested a vote on the granting of Roster status to the Centro de Estudios sobre Asia y Oceania, which was approved by a vote of 12 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

17. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Philippines and Ethiopia.

18. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America requested a vote on the granting of consultative status, category II, to the Centro de Estudios Europeos. The proposal was approved by a vote of 11 to 1, with 5 abstentions.

19. After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

20. The Committee then decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category I

Academic Council on the United Nations System

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale

Eagle Forum

Environment and Development in the Third World

Foundation for the Support of the United Nations

Category II

African Institute for Democracy

Alliance for Arab Women

American Civil Liberties Union

Arab Network for Environment and Development

Association for the Prevention of Torture

Association François-Xavier Bagnoud

Association tunisienne des mères

Beth Chabad - International Jewish Educational and Cultural Network

Catholic Institute for International Relations

Center for Justice and International Law

Centre for the Study of Administration of Relief

Centro de Estudios Europeos

Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Production of the Argentine Republic

Citizens Disaster Response Centre

Comunicación Cultural

Dogal Hayati Koruma Dernegi

European Intermodal Association

European Network of Policewomen

Federation of European Motorcyclists

FEMNET - African Women's Development and Communication Network

Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone

Forest Alliance of British Columbia

Fraternité Notre Dame Inc.

International Association for Democracy in Africa (AID-Afrique)

Roster

American Forest and Paper Association

Centro de Estudios sobre Asia y Oceania

European Natural Gas Vehicle Association

Fondation La Providence